

CLAIMS:

1. A method of coding and/or transmitting EPG (electronic program guides) data documents comprising program and schedule records, characterized in that the program (p1, p2, p3) and schedule records (s11, s12, ... s1i, s21, s22, ... s2i, s31, s32, ... s3i) of the EPG data are coded and/or transmitted in an order in which program records and schedule records
5 for programs are interleaved stored and/or transmitted
(((p1, s11, s12, ... s1i), {p2, s21, s22, ... s2i}, {p3, s31, s32, s3i, ...}),
{s11, s12, ... s1i, p1}, {s21, s22, ... s2i, p2}, {s31, s32, ... s3i, p3})).
2. A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the interleaved program
10 and schedule records are sorted on a time basis.
3. A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that schedule records only refer to program records that are ahead in the coding scheme
15 ({p1, s11, s12, ... s1i}, {p2, s21, s22, ... s2i}, {p3, s31, s32, s3i, ...}).
4. A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the interleaved program and schedule records are coded in a section which is separate and ahead in the coding scheme from other sections comprising information relating to programs.
- 20 5. A method as claimed in claim 4, characterized in that the section comprising interleaved program and schedule records is preceded by a section comprising general information.
- 25 6. A device comprising an encoder for coding EPG (electronic program guide) data comprising program and schedule records in accordance with the method as claimed in any one of the claims 1 to 5.

7. A receiving device (RC) comprising a decoder for decoding EPG (electronic program guide) data comprising program and schedule records which are coded in accordance with the method as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 5.
- 5 8. A computer program comprising program code means for performing a method in accordance with the invention when said program is run on a computer, as well as in any computer program product comprising program code means stored on a computer-readable medium for performing a method as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 5, when said program is run on a computer.